

**In the Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
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7. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a plurality of crystalline (E) – 4 – [2 – [2 – [N – acetyl – N – (4 – methoxybenzenesulfonyl) amino]phenyl]- ethenyl]pyridine 1-oxide particles with a mean particle diameter of from 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 25  $\mu\text{m}$  with particles larger than 50  $\mu\text{m}$  constituting a fraction of not more than 2% of a total number of particles, comprising the step of micronizing the crystalline compound with an open-circuit pulverizing type mill and obtaining a pulverizate in which the crystallinity of the compound is retained.
8. (Previously Presented) The production method of Claim 7 wherein said open-circuit pulverizing type mill is either a high-speed rotary impact mill or a pneumatic mill.
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